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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MARR, SREF, CVIS, VS, JA

SUBJECT: VN REFUGEES RELATED TO USCITS

SUMMARY: MANY U.S. MILITARY PERSONNEL ON OKINAWA WISH

TO BRING THEIR SPOUSES' VIETNAMESE RELATIVE EVACUEES TO

OKINAWA AS DEPENDENTS: NUMBER COULD WELL EXCEED 300.

ACTION REQUESTED: CONGEN HAS BEEN EXPLAINING PRACTICAL

DIFFICULTIES INVOLVED, SUCH AS DOCUMENTATION, BUT WOULD APPRECIATE

EMBASSY AND DEPT'S GUIDANCE ON WHAT COULD BECOME A SENSITIVE

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ISSUE BETWEEN U.S. MILITARY PERSONNEL AND GOJ. END SUMMARY.

1. IN PAST WEEK, CONGEN HAS PROCESSED 54 IMMEDIATE RELATIVE  
(IR) OR PREFERENCE PETITIONS FOR VIETMAN-BORN AMERICAN CITIZEN  
WIVES OF U.S. SERVICE PERSONNEL ON BEHALF OF VIETNAMESE RELATIVES.

THE 54 PETITIONS EXECUTED HERE ALSO INCLUDED 55 DERIVATIVE  
BENEFICIARIES. PRIOR TO APRIL 25 WE HAD REFERRED AT LEAST 50

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PETITIONERS TO INS TOKYO. ADDITIONALLY WE HAVE HAD INQUERIES FROM

VIETNAM-BORN ALIEN RESIDENT WIVES OF U.S. PERSONNEL ON BEHALF OF 82 VIETNAMESE RELATIVES WHO DO NOT QUALIFY AS IRS OR PREFERENCE BENEFICIARIES.

2. ALMOST ALL PETITIONERS ASSUME THEY WILL HAVE RIGHT TO BRING VIETNAM EVACUEES TO OKINAWA AS DEPENDENTS. ONE MILITARY OFFICER TELEPHONED CONGEN FROM GUAM TO SEEK ASSISTANCE IN BRINGING HIS SEVEN-MEMBER UNDOCUMENTED VIETNAMESE FAMILY DIRECTLY FROM GUAM TO OKINAWA. WE COULD HAVE A DEMAND FOR ENTRY OF AS MANY AS 300 VIETNAMESE DEPENDENTS OR MORE DEPENDING ON NUMBER OF PETITIONS SUBMITTED TO INS TOKYO, AND, OF COURSE TOTAL WHO MANAGED TO LEAVE VIETNAM.

3. WE HAVE EXPLAINED THAT MANY IF NOT ALL VIETNAM EVACUEES ARE WITHOUT TRAVEL DOCUMENTS AND DO NOT HAVE "RIGHT" TO ENTER

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JAPAN AS DEPENDENTS OF U.S. SERVICE PERSONNEL, POINTING OUT THAT, IN MANY CASES, DOCUMENTATION COULD TAKE SEVERAL OR MORE MONTHS. WE HAVE ALSO COUNSELED PETITIONERS AND THEIR HUSBANDS ON THEIR INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR FINANCING RESETTLEMENT IN U.S. REACTION RANGED FROM SINCERE COMMITMENT THROUGH AMUSED DISBELIEF (THE MAJORITY) TO RESENTMENT. NOW THAT IMMEDIATE CONCERN WITH DEPARTURE FROM VIETNAM IS OVER, MILITARY "SPONSORS" ON OKINAWA HAVE BEGUN TO FOCUS ON FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF THEIR SUDDENLY EXPANDED "FAMILIES."

4. BELIEVE EMBASSY AND DEPT SHOULD EXPLORE GOJ POSITION ON ENTRY OF U.S. MILITARY DEPENDENTS TRAVELING ON USINS REENTRY PERMITS, PAROLE DOCUMENTS, RED CROSS LAISSEZ PASSES, ETC. THIS COULD BECOME A SENSITIVE ISSUE BETWEEN MILITARY AND GOJ, ESPECIALLY AS SOME OF BENEFICIARIES AND THEIR DERIVATIVES ARE RELATIVELY YOUNG ADULTS OF EMPLOYABLE AGE.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: IN THE MEANTIME, WE WOULD APPRECIATE GUIDANCE ON HOW WE SHOULD RESPOND TO INQUIRIES.

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